

REMARKS

The application has been reviewed in light of the Final Office Action mailed October 6, 2008. At the time of the Office Action, Claims 1-30 were pending in this application. Claims 25-28 were allowed, Claims 1-19, 29 and 30 were rejected, and Claims 20-24 were objected to.

Rejection of the Claims Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 12-18 and 29-30 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,965,934 to Reynolds, et al. (hereinafter "Reynolds '934") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,848,007 to Reynolds, et al. (hereinafter "Reynolds '007"); and Claims 4, 8-11 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Reynolds '934, in view of Reynolds '007, and further in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0084219 to Yao, et al. (hereinafter "Yao")

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable Claim 20. Since the Office Action has indicated that Claim 20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim (Claim 1) and any intervening claim (none), Applicants respectfully submit that amended independent Claim 1 is now allowable.

Claims 20, 29 and 30 have been canceled.

Claims 2-19 and 21-24 depend from allowable amended independent Claim 1, and contain all limitations thereof. Therefore, for at least the same analogous reasons that independent Claim 1 is allowable, Claims 2-19 and 21-24 are also allowable.

The Office Action has indicated that Claims 25-28 are allowed.

Applicants respectfully submit that no amendments have been made to the pending claims for the purpose of overcoming any prior art rejections that may restrict the literal

scope of the claims or equivalents thereof.

Applicants reserve the right to subsequently take up prosecution on the claims as originally filed in this or appropriate continuation, continuation-in-part and/or divisional applications.

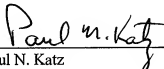
Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

Applicants respectfully request ~~withdrawal~~ of all objections and rejections, and that there be an early notice of allowance.

SUMMARY

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance and early notice of the same is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments or suggestions in furtherance of the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the attorney of record by telephone or facsimile.

Respectfully submitted,



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